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TAGS: OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJ:NEWS ARTICLES

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF AUG. 26-27 COVERAGE OF OWEN-YOUNG TRIP AND OTHER EVENTS.

2. OWEN-YOUNG TRIP. A.P. (MAUREEN JOHNSON) REPOTED AUG. 27 FROM LUSAKA THAT OWEN AND YOUNG "STILL IN BUSINESS DESPITE TOUGH OPPOSITION FROM BOTH BLACK AND WHITE AFRICANS. AFTER NOTING SIMULTANEOUS TALKS SATURDAY IN LUSAKA AND PRETORIA (SMITH-VORSTER) STORY SAID OWEN AND YOUNG "FACE AN UPHILL TASK" WITH BOTH SIDES ATTACKING KEY ELEMENT -- THE REPORTED PROPOSAL TO DISBAND RHODESIAN ARMY AND DISARM GUERRILLAS.... MEDIA COVERED OWEN-YOUNG NEWS CONFERENCE IN LUSAKA AUG. 26 AND REPORTED,AS NYTIMES (DARNTON) WROTE, THE TWO "SOUGHT TO DISPEL THE NOTION, EXPRESSED IN REPORTERS' QUESTIONS, THAT THEY WERE ON A FUTILE JOURNEY."... FROM SALISBURY, REUTERS REPORTED AUG. 26 THAT IAN SMITH SAID HE WOULD REJECT PLAN IF IT INCLUDED HIS OWN RESIGNATION AND DISMANTLING OF RHODESIAN FORCES.

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COMMENTING ON REPORTED PROPOSALS, SMITH QUOTED AS SAYING "I BELIEVE THESE SHOW LACK OF INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY ON DR. DAVID OWEN'S PART AND I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THESE ARE PART OF A GENUINE SETTLEMENT."... UPI FROM LONDON AUG. 26 QUOTED WALDHEIM SAYING INTERNATIONAL PEACE UNIT COULD BE SET UP IN RHODESIA BUT ONLY IF SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVES AND

"ALL INTERESTED PARTIES" AGREE. WALDHEIM REPORTEDLY
"PRETTY SURE WE WILL GET THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FROM
COUNTRIES THAT MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH A FORCE -- ALL
OF THEM SMALLER COUNTRIES."... COVERAGE OF YOUNG PRESS
CONFERENCE IN LAGOS AUG. 26 QUOTED AMBASSADOR AS WARNING
(UPI) ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO BRITISH-AMERICAN PLAN FOR
RHODESIA IS "TOTAL DESTRUCTION AND BLOODSHED."...
CBS RADIO (DANIELS) REPORTED FROM LUSAKA AUG. 27 THAT
AFTER MEETING WITH OWEN AND YOUNG, MUGABE AND NKOMO SAID
THEY WERE STILL TALKING -- "A TACIT INDICATION THAT THE
TALKS ARE PROGRESSING."... WASHPOST (ROBIN WRIGHT)
AUG. 25 FROM LUSAKA SAID SMITH REGIME HAD ALREADY REJECTED IN
PAST NEGOTIATIONS ALL BUT ONE OF EIGHT POINTS IN ANGLO-
AMERICAN PLAN. STORY SAID "HIGH-LEVEL SOURCE" IN SALISBURY
DECLARED "OFFICIAL CIRCLES" WERE "SURPRISED" THAT MISSION
WOULD "OFFER A PLAN THEY KNEW WOULD BE TURNED DOWN."

3. APARTHEID. COVERAGE OF YOUNG SPEECH AUG. 25 IN LAGOS
WAS EXTENSIVE. A.P. LEAD SAID YOUNG SAID APARTHEID
SHOULD BE DEALT WITH "RATIONALLY," NOT WITH VIOLENCE,
SLOGANS OR RHETORICAL CONDEMNATION... WASHPOST (RANDAL)
WROTE AMBASSADOR "WARNED RADICAL AFRICANS AND THEIR
COMMUNIST AND THIRD WORLD ALLIES TODAY THAT THE U.S.
WOULD NOT BE BLUDGEONED INTO ACCEPTING UNENFORCEABLE
SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA... BUOYED BY THE
NIGERIAN-AMERICAN RAPPROCHEMENT THAT YOUNG ENGINEERED
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LAST WINTER... THE AMBASSADOR WARNED: IT WOULD NOT MAKE
MUCH SENSE TO MAKE AGREEMENTS HERE THAT WOULD BE
REPUDIATED BY OUR CONGRESS AND REPUDIATED BY OUR PEOPLE."

4. VANCE TRIP. NYTIMES NEWS ANALYSIS BY BUTTERFIELD
AUG. 27 NOTED SECSTATE HAD ALWAYS DESCRIBED CHINA VISIT
AS "EXPLORATORY" AND WROTE "IF THEY (U.S. AND CHINA) MADE
ANY PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLVING THE IMPASSE OVER TAIWAN,
THE KEY OBSTACLE TO NORMALIZATION, IT WAS WELL HIDDEN..."
ARTICLE SAYS SECSTATE FOUND "SOME IMPORTANT POINTS OF
COMMON INTEREST," BUT DECLINED TO ELABORATE. ARTICLE
CONCLUDED: "TAIWAN QUESTION IS BASICALLY A SENSITIVE DOMESTIC
PROBLEM FOR BOTH SIDES, AND NEITHER CAN GAIN MUCH BY
OFFERING A COMPROMISE."

5. PLO. FROM DAMASCUS AUG. 26 NYTIMES (MARKHAM)
REPORTED PLO "CLOSED THE DOOR ON A POSSIBLE DIALOGUE WITH THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION, ISSUING IN THE NAME OF ITS CENTRAL
COUNCIL A HARD-LINE STATEMENT THAT ATTACKED 'AMERICAN
AND ZIONIST MANEUVERS.'" PLO, ARTICLE SAYS, DISMISSED
UN SECURITY COUNCIL RES. 242 FOR IGNORING "THE NATIONAL
RIGHTS OF OUR PEOPLE" AND TREATING PALESTINIAN QUESTION AS

"A REFUGEE PROBLEM."... UPI AUG. 26 QUOTED WALDHEIM IN LONDON SAYING ARAFAT TOLD HIM THIS WEEK PLO WOULD ACCEPT RESOLUTION 242 "IF IT IS AMENDED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE PALESTINIANS."

6. HUMAN RIGHTS. JOHATHAN POWER IN INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE COLUMN ADVOCATES CUTOFF OF AID TO REGIMES WHICH USE TORTURE (UNLESS THERE IS GUARANTEE THAT AID GOES TO POOREST AND MOST OPPRESSED). "ANDREW YOUNG," POWER WRITES, "IN A RECENT IMPORTANT UN SPEECH, ARGUED EFFECTIVELY THE CASE THAT TORTURE IS THE MOST OBNOXIOUS ELEMENT OF HUMAN ABUSE."

7. CARIBBEAN TRIP. NY TIMES EDITORIAL AUG. 26 SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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"ANDREW YOUNG'S WHIRLWIND VISIT TO TEN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES IN JUST 12 DAYS... DEMONSTRATES BOTH A PERSONAL COMMITMENT AND A WELCOME SHIFT IN AMERICAN POLICY." PERSONAL COMMITMENT WAS "TO LEADERS (EXCEPTING HAITI'S DUVALIER) OF POOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO HAVE HELD FAIRLY FIRMLY TO DEMOCRATIC ROADS AND... RESPECTED THE RIGHTS OF THEIR CITIZENS." POLICY SHIFT "IS A RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN REGION."

8. PAULA YOUNG IS SUBJECT OF COVER STORY IN SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF AMERICAN GIRL MAGAZINE.
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